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**Charlie Wilcox, by Sharon E. McKay**

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS, RESPONSE JOURNAL TOPICS, VOCABULARY**

**Instructions: Please answer the questions below in the space provided under each question. Your journal response and vocabulary word definitions should be done in the same fashion. Use as much room on this form as you need to complete each section.** [**You should upload to this page**](http://glendalegrade7.wikispaces.com/AM+Humanities+7) **when you are finished.**

## Chapter 6

1. Davy tells Charlie a number of frightening stories about previous operations that went wrong. Do you think that these stories are true? What does it say about Davy that he tries to scare Charlie?

2. Look up the word *coward* in the dictionary and then explain it in your own words. What does that word mean to Charlie?

3. In your opinion, was it a good idea to sneak out of the hospital? What would you have done in Charlie’s place?

4. Compare Charlie’s reaction to a scary situation—one like sneaking out of the hospital—to Davy’s reaction. How are they the same? Different? What does that tell you about each character?

5. The author included many humorous details in her description of Davy and Charlie’s escape from the hospital. In your opinion, which was the funniest?

6. Why do you think the author describes the light coming from Nurse Butters’ office in this way?: “A bald, mean light shone out from Nurse Butters’ office. It cast long, thin shadows that ended in sharp points.” What kind of impression do words like “mean” and “sharp” give you?

7. Nurse Mac describes herself as “resourceful.” What does that mean? Are there any other characters in this chapter who could be described that way?

8. Dr. Daniels says, “We must report tomorrow afternoon. I have a fitting, of course.” What do you predict that he’s referring to?

9. Why does Charlie think he might hate Dr. Daniels?

**Response Journal Topics:**

Sometimes people look back on upsetting events, but find that they have become funny to them as time has passed. Have you had an experience like that? Write about it.

**Vocabulary:** *purgatory*, *triumphant*, *pivoted*, *inquisitive*, *amputated*, *monumental*, *skulked*, *jinker*, *deductive*